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1968 : 15,776 VC / neutralized 11 months;
2,259 killed not Feb
13%

1969: 19,534
6,187 killed 36%

Colby: Now we have a gov-led people's
war facing an increasingly NVN war mil.
forces.

We've had to learn while fighting; had
some bad years. Success + air would not
have won rapidly; ^{the} war requires the active
engagement of the pop, fully involved

35,000 ~~prisons~~

+ 32,000 POW

64% "Coms"

+ 10,000 in interrogation centers

"33 political prisons" ^{non-Com} (e.g. Dzeng)

Maj. Arthur: counterpart is a Lt. Col ARVN, 19 years

service ... I have had 2 tours in VN, so

I have some authority to give some advice.

"I make the analogy that he is between a
parent and a teen-age son. He is ready to
run with the ball...."

Van: go down to 200,000 by mid-72;
as rapidly as possible to below 100,000;
the make decision whether + how much
continued log. ^{+ advisors} assistance required
feasible to project beyond that

Pressure by

July 65: told Hasty if Delta was peaceful,
it was by the wrong side.

50% of RF/PF accommodating (up to
acting as guerrillas at night).

security + food base; better roads and prov.
caps alone.